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- 1. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION JUNE 21 WITH ROYAL COUNSELOR GUEDIRA, WHO IN FES WITH KING HASSAN, I PASSED MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL. GUEDIRA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PROMPT REPLY, AND SAID HE WOULD PASS THE MESSAGE TO KING WITHOUT DELAY.
- 2. COMMENT: GUEDIRA WAS CLEARLY PERSONALLY PLEASED WITH THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE, UNDOUBTEDLY BECAUSE OF REFLECTION OF U.S. FIRMNESS VIS-A-VIS SOVIETS AND OUR RECOGNITION OF KING'S AWARENESS OF SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. I WOULD IMAGINE, HOWEVER, KING'S REACTION MAY BE TEMPERED SOMEWHAT BY ABSENCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO HIS DESIRE TO PLAY MIDDLEMAN ROLE BETWEEN SOVIETS AND EGYPTIANS.

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